

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving from an electronic mail server an indication of a collaborative electronic mail message that includes a portion for feedback from one or more recipients;
displaying an identifier of the collaborative electronic mail message for viewing by a user;
accepting commands, made available by an electronic mail program for manipulating ~~other—electronic mail messages~~ that are not collaborative electronic mail messages, to manipulate the collaborative electronic mail message; and
performing an accepted command, wherein the performing includes sending to the electronic mail server an indication of the command so that the electronic mail server can modify the collaborative electronic mail message in accordance with the command and notify recipients of the modification.
2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the commands to manipulate the collaborative electronic mail message include a reply command.
3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the commands to manipulate the collaborative electronic mail message include a forward command.
4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the commands to manipulate the collaborative electronic mail message include a delete command.

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the commands to manipulate the collaborative electronic mail message include a flag for follow-up command.

6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the indication comprises the collaborative electronic mail message.

7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the identifier includes a subject of the collaborative electronic mail message and an author of the collaborative electronic mail message.

8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the identifier includes a size of the collaborative electronic mail message, including all of the content of the collaborative electronic mail message.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the collaborative electronic mail message further includes a graph of responses to the collaborative electronic mail message.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising:
receiving a user selection of a portion of the graph; and
indicating which of a plurality of comments in the portion for feedback correspond to the selected portion of the graph.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the user selection comprises positioning of a cursor over the portion of the graph.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the portion of the graph comprises a bar of a bar graph.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising:
receiving a user selection of a portion of the graph; and
indicating which of the one or more recipients corresponds to the portion of the graph.

14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein a recipient corresponds to the portion of the graph if the recipient's response to the collaborative electronic mail message is reflected in the portion.

15. (Original) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein indicating which of the one or more recipients corresponds to the portion of the graph comprises displaying which of the one or more recipients corresponds to the portion in a box separate from the collaborative electronic mail message.

16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
comparing a time identified in the collaborative electronic mail message with an electronic calendar corresponding to the user;
determining whether a conflict exists between the time identified in the collaborative electronic mail message and a pre-existing commitment in the electronic calendar; and
if a conflict exists, then displaying an indication of the conflict.

17. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
comparing a time identified in the collaborative electronic mail message with an electronic task list corresponding to the user;
determining whether a conflict exists between the time identified in the collaborative electronic mail message and a pre-existing task in the electronic task list; and
if a conflict exists, then displaying an indication of the conflict.

18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
changing the identifier when the collaborative electronic mail message is opened by
the user;
receiving an indication that the collaborative electronic mail message has been
modified; and
changing the identifier again to visually indicate that the collaborative electronic mail
message has been modified.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
including, in the identifier, an indication of an author of the collaborative electronic
mail message.

21. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer
program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 1.

22-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) One or more computer-readable media having stored
thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by one or more processors of a
computer, cause the one or more processors to perform acts including:
displaying a plurality of user-selectable options for control of electronic mail
messages by a client-side portion of an electronic mail program; and
allowing the plurality of user-selectable options to also control collaborative
electronic mail messages; wherein when a user-selectable option is selected
for a collaborative electronic mail message an indication of the option is sent
to a server-side portion of the electronic mail program so that the server-side

portion of the electronic mail program can apply that option to the collaborative electronic mail message.

28. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 27, wherein the plurality of user-selectable options includes a message reply option.

29. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 27, wherein the plurality of user-selectable options includes a message forward option.

30. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 27, wherein the plurality of user-selectable options includes a create new message option.

31. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform acts including accessing, during creation of a new collaborative electronic mail message, an electronic contact list to identify an electronic mail address for a recipient of the collaborative electronic mail message.

32. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform acts including:

displaying a user-selectable reminder option; and

sending, in response to selection of the reminder option, a reminder of a previously sent collaborative electronic mail message to one or more recipients of the previously sent collaborative electronic mail message.

33. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform acts including:

displaying a user-selectable summary option; and

in response to selection of the summary option, sending a summary, to one or more recipients of the previously sent collaborative electronic mail message, of responses received to a previously sent collaborative electronic mail message.

34. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform acts including:

accessing an electronic calendar maintained by a task manager component; and

identifying conflicts between times included in the collaborative electronic mail messages and commitments in the electronic calendar.

35. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in 34, wherein the identifying comprises identifying conflicts between commitments in the electronic calendar and collaborative electronic mail messages being authored at the computer as well as collaborative electronic mail messages received at the computer.

36. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform acts including:

identifying, to an author of a collaborative electronic mail message at the computer, how many recipients have not yet opened the collaborative electronic mail message; and

identifying, to the author, how many recipients have responded to the collaborative electronic mail message.

37. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 36, further comprising identifying, to the author, how many recipients have opened but not responded to the collaborative electronic mail message.

38-76. (Cancelled)